

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph on page 4, beginning at line 26 to page 5, line 5, with the following amended paragraph:

The first shackle 20 may be a flexible steel rope or cable, or a rigid member as shown in FIG. 4. It has two ends that may be coupled to the case 10 to form a latch position (as shown in FIG. 1B) and form a closed boundary with the case 10. It further can be latched by the bolt assembly 40 11 to form an anchor condition. In addition, the first shackle 40 20 may be separated from the case 10 to open the closed boundary at a release position (as shown in FIG. 1A).

Please replace the paragraph on page 5, beginning at line 20 to page 6, line 4, with the following amended paragraph:

Refer to ~~FIG. 2~~ FIG. 5 for a second embodiment of the invention. It also has a second shackle 30 driven by a first shackle 20. The first shackle 20 latches a first object, and the second shackle 30 latches a second object 50. For the first shackle 20 made of a flexible wire, the case 10 houses a winch 12 which includes a rotary wheel 121, a brake member 122 and an actuating member 123. The first shackle 20 has one end fastened to the rotary wheel 121, and may be wound on the winch through the rotary wheel 121. The rotary wheel 121 has a plurality of ratchet teeth 1211 on the peripheral rim. The brake member 122 can be engaged with the ratchet teeth 1211 to provide a brake function, and is driven by the actuating member 123 so that the brake member 122 may be moved to latch the ratchet teeth 1211 and prevent the rotary wheel

121 from rotating, or be moved away from the ratchet teeth 1211 so that the rotary wheel 121 may rotate as desired.

Please replace the paragraph on page 6, lines 19-25, with the following amended paragraph:

Refer to FIGS. 7A and 7B for yet another embodiment of the invention. It mainly has a retaining member 14 driven by the first shackle 20 at the latch position. The second shackle 30 is located at a position not movable by the first shackle 20, and has a portion extending outside the case 10 at the first position normally. When the first shackle 20 is at the latch position, the second shackle 30 may be prevented from being driven through the retaining member 14 so that the second shackle 30 cannot be moved to the second position to release the second object 50, and the coupled case 10 and the second object 50 cannot be separated.